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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandis airfield between 23 and 28 November 1953:

23 November. No air activity was observed throughout the day. There was hazy weather.

24 November. Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., local flights were made by about 4 ground attack aircraft and 1 Yak-14. Visibility was good.

25 November. No air activity was observed although there was good visibility.

26 November. The noise of engines was heard from the field. No aircraft were observed aloft although the visibility was good.

27 November. Between 2 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., local flights were made by 1 Po-2 and 4 Il-10s. After the landing, all the aircraft taxied back to the hangar where they were parked.

28 November. No air activity was conducted. There was a 7/10 overcast.

2. Between 11 p.m. on 25 November and 3 a.m. on 26 November, intensive truck traffic was observed between Brandis, Polenz and Altenhain. On 27 November, patrols each consisting of 1 officer and 2 EM with red brassards were observed in Polenz. It was rumored that Germans had to vacate their dwellings for Soviets. Sedan  with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was observed.

Comment. Brandis airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with 35 to 40 Il-10s. The rumors on the evacuation of German dwellings is possibly based on the expected arrival of Soviet officers' dependents.

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